

Chair Bynum, Vice-Chairs Noble and Power, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Dr. Ann Turner. I am writing from my perspective as a physician who worked my entire career in community health and for more than 20 years at Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center, caring for migrant and seasonal farm workers. I strongly support the passage of HB 3265 to protect Oregon families from unlawful detention by federal immigration authorities.

The families that I worked with were hardworking often juggling 2 jobs with caring for their families. This work is truly essential. I heard many stories from my patients of being stopped and/or arrested for no reason, except the color of their skin. We must end racial profiling.

In 2018, Oregonians overwhelmingly voted in support of our sanctuary law. The Sanctuary Promise Act would assure that this law is carried out as intended such that local law enforcement is not assisting ICE. We all, including our immigrant neighbors, need to be able to trust local law enforcement to ensure safety for our community.

I urge you to support HB 3265 to strengthen our current sanctuary law and build trust in our immigrant communities.

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